

Table 379.—Unemployment rate of persons 16 years old and over, by age, sex, race/ethnicity, and highest degree attained: 1995, 1996, and 1997

Sex, race/ethnicity, and highest degree attained	Percent unemployed, 1995 ¹				Percent unemployed, 1996 ¹				Percent unemployed, 1997 ¹			
	16- to 24-year-olds ²			25 years old and over	16- to 24-year-olds ²			25 years old and over	16- to 24-year-olds ²			25 years old and over
	Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years		Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years		Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
All persons												
All education levels	12.1	17.3	9.1	4.3	12.0	16.7	9.3	4.2	11.3	16.0	8.5	3.8
Less than a high school graduate ..	20.2	20.8	18.6	9.0	19.7	19.7	19.4	8.7	18.4	18.9	17.1	8.1
High school graduate, no college ...	12.0	14.7	10.8	4.8	12.0	14.9	10.8	4.7	11.0	14.0	9.6	4.3
Some college, no degree	6.7	8.4	6.3	4.3	7.0	8.1	6.7	4.0	7.1	8.5	6.7	3.5
Associate degree	5.3	—	5.1	3.3	4.8	—	4.5	3.3	4.5	—	4.3	2.7
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.5	—	5.5	2.4	5.3	—	5.3	2.2	3.7	—	3.7	2.0
Men												
All education levels	12.5	18.4	9.2	4.3	12.6	18.1	9.5	4.1	11.8	16.9	8.9	3.6
Less than a high school graduate ..	19.9	21.6	15.9	8.8	19.8	21.2	16.4	7.8	18.3	19.7	15.1	7.2
High school graduate, no college ...	11.7	15.3	10.4	4.8	11.9	15.1	10.6	4.7	10.8	13.9	9.6	4.2
Some college, no degree	6.8	9.3	6.3	4.0	7.5	9.4	7.1	3.9	7.5	9.2	7.1	3.3
Associate degree	4.9	—	4.8	3.3	4.1	—	4.2	3.2	—	—	—	2.6
Bachelor's degree or higher	6.3	—	6.3	2.3	6.1	—	6.1	2.1	4.2	—	4.3	1.9
Women												
All education levels	11.7	16.1	9.0	4.4	11.3	15.2	9.0	4.3	10.7	15.0	8.1	3.9
Less than a high school graduate ..	20.8	19.9	24.4	9.2	19.5	18.1	25.3	10.1	18.6	17.9	21.2	9.6
High school graduate, no college ...	12.3	14.2	11.4	4.7	12.2	14.7	10.9	4.6	11.2	14.2	9.7	4.3
Some college, no degree	6.6	7.7	6.3	4.6	6.6	7.2	6.4	4.1	6.7	8.0	6.3	3.7
Associate degree	5.5	—	5.5	3.3	5.2	—	4.8	3.3	4.8	—	4.5	2.8
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.0	—	4.9	2.7	4.8	—	4.8	2.4	3.2	—	3.3	2.2
White³												
All education levels	10.2	14.5	7.7	3.9	10.2	14.2	7.8	3.7	9.4	13.6	6.9	3.3
Less than a high school graduate ..	17.2	17.7	15.9	8.3	16.7	17.0	16.0	8.0	15.5	16.2	13.5	7.2
High school graduate, no college ...	10.0	11.9	9.2	4.2	9.9	12.2	8.9	4.0	9.1	11.6	7.9	3.6
Some college, no degree	5.8	7.3	5.3	3.7	6.0	7.0	5.8	3.5	5.9	7.1	5.6	3.0
Associate degree	4.8	—	4.7	3.1	4.2	—	3.9	3.0	3.6	—	3.4	2.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.1	—	5.1	2.3	5.1	—	5.1	2.1	3.1	—	3.2	1.8
Black³												
All education levels	23.9	35.7	17.7	7.4	23.9	33.6	18.8	7.7	23.2	32.4	18.3	7.3
Less than a high school graduate ..	39.1	40.4	35.8	12.4	37.8	37.6	38.2	12.6	36.3	36.4	35.8	13.1
High school graduate, no college ...	22.5	31.8	19.3	8.2	23.0	31.5	20.0	9.1	20.9	28.1	18.4	8.1
Some college, no degree	13.0	18.7	12.2	7.5	13.7	17.1	13.1	6.7	15.1	21.0	14.0	6.1
Associate degree	10.7	—	8.5	4.6	9.7	—	10.0	5.5	—	—	—	—
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.7	—	8.6	3.2	6.1	—	6.0	3.1	6.5	—	6.4	3.6
Hispanic origin⁴												
All education levels	15.5	24.1	11.5	7.6	15.5	23.6	11.8	7.1	13.8	21.6	10.3	6.1
Less than a high school graduate ..	20.2	28.2	13.7	10.4	20.1	26.1	14.6	9.7	18.8	25.7	13.0	8.5
High school graduate, no college ...	14.1	18.7	12.3	6.8	13.6	20.7	11.5	6.6	11.4	15.7	9.9	5.7
Some college, no degree	10.4	14.1	9.4	6.1	10.5	13.2	9.8	4.9	8.9	11.3	8.4	4.1
Associate degree	—	—	—	5.5	—	—	—	4.9	—	—	—	—
Bachelor's degree or higher	—	—	—	3.5	—	—	—	3.8	—	—	—	3.5

¹ The unemployment rate is the percent of individuals in the labor force who are not working and who made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks. The labor force includes both employed and unemployed persons.

² Excludes persons enrolled in school.

³ Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

⁴ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

—Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, unpublished tabulations of annual averages from the Current Population Survey. (This table was prepared September 1998.)